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Dear Sir:

The Final Office Action mailed 28 December 2005 has been received and reviewed. The pending claims are claims 15-47.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection, in view of the following comments, are respectfully requested.

Allowable Claims

Applicants thank the Examiner for notification to the effect that claims 15-27 are allowable.

Applicants additionally thank the Examiner for notification to the effect that claims 36, 37, 46, and 47 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. However, for the reasons indicated below, Applicants submit